

**Andrew Jackson to Samuel Houston, January 27, 1827,
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TO SAM HOUSTON.

Hermitage, January 27, 1827.

. . . . I will [be] happy to hear of my letter to Mr Southard having reached you. Whilst living, I wish to put down that vile slander, and expose the slanderer (be he whom he may, and if such order, as aluded to, is on file, the *villain* who has placed it there, shall be unrobed whilst I am living, and the nation advised of the *Treachery* and hypocrisy of their public functionaries. If it had passed unnoticed whilst I was living, when dead, it would have been said, if not true, why had this thing not been enquired into whilst I was living. We have an evidence in Mr Calhouns case, I admire his course, it was one worthy of him, his promptness in adopting it has astounded his enemies, *now says the hired presses* , It was improper to stir this thing in congress, it will delay public business etc. etc. had he not, it would have been circulated like lightning, recorded in all the ministerial prints, and hereafter would be said, *If not guilty why had he not applied for investigation.* he has applied, and I for one rejoice at it. public officers, ought not only to be honest but unsuspected, and when any charge emanating from or through, any of the departments ought to be investigated promptly—hence my anxiety to hear that my letter to Mr Sec Southard has reached you. Mrs. J. Joins me in good wishes believe me yr friend.